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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 2834  
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Yoshihito ASAO, et al.

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ATTN: BOX AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 8, 2002—the period for response being extended to November 8, 2002 by an appropriate extension of time and a check filed herewith—please consider the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-13 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 8-13 have been withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention. Reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

**Improper Finality of Office Action**

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the finality of this Office Action. That is, this Office Action has improperly been made final. The Examiner asserts that “applicant’s amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this